The Government of India has written to all the State Governments/Union Territories to comply with these instructions.

Floods in Southern region

1578. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) which deltas in the Southern region of the country were flooded recently, due to the failure of draining the rain water into the sea and poor canal system:

(b) what steps have been proposed to modernize the drains and canals in those States, particularly in Andhra Pradesh, and how much Central assistance has been released to meet the flood losses to the State;

(c) whether the shortage of relief boats has stifled the rescue operations in the recent floods in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) what steps have been taken to overcome such shortages, to lessen the trauma of the aggrieved people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Only the State Government of Andhra Pradesh informed that Krishna Delta was flooded in the recent cyclonic rains/floods affecting various parts of the districts of Krishna, Guntur and Prakashm Districts in the State.

(b) Flood management is a State subject. The schemes are planned, funded and implemented by the State Governments. However, the Government of India is providing assistance to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and J & K for improvement of drainage systems under the Scheme namely, "Improvement of Drainage in the Critical Areas of the Country", which is implemented by Ministry of Water Resources. The works, *inter-alia,* relate to (i) Nallamada Vagu above Commamur canal, (ii) Bhattiprolu main drain and (iii) Repalle main drain in Guntur District of the State of Andhra Pradesh and an amount of Rs. 4.50 crore has been released up to March, 2006 to Government of Andhra Pradesh during the 10th Plan for taking up these works.

The State Government has informed that the Krishna and Godavari Delta canal and drainage systems are as old as 125-150 years. The said canal

systems serve an ayacut of 13.8 lakh acres in Krishna Delta and ayacut of 10.3 lakh acres in Godavari Delta. The failure of above said drainage systems to accommodate the heavy rainfall caused devastating loss. The State Government has requested in its Memorandum for an assistance of Rs. 5000.00 crore for modernization of Krishna and Godavari Delta canal and drainage systems.

The Government of India has released to the State of Andhra Pradesh an amount of Rs. 400.00 crore comprising Rs. 200.00 crore as advance release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the years 2006-07 & 2007-08 and Rs. 200.00 crore on an 'on account' basis from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to enable the State to undertake relief operations in the areas affected by heavy rains/floods during 2006. Earlier, the 1st instalment of Central share of CRF, amounting to Rs. 135.48 crore, has been released to the State Government on 2nd June 2006.

(c) No such report has been received from the State Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Withdrawal of security cover of separatist leaders of J&K

†1579. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the leaders of separatist organizations of Jammu and Kashmir are provided full security cover; if so, the names and designations of such leaders;

(b) the number of those separatist organizations operating in Jammu and Kashmir at present which are opposing the deployment of Army in Kashmir and are demanding liberation of Kashmir from India;

(c) the year-wise amount Government spend on their security;

(d) whether Government are contemplating to withdraw their security cover; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per information available, the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.